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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action mailed August 10, 2006, applicant respectfully requests that the following amendment be made part of the official record in the above-captioned case. Also enclosed is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal letter along with a deposit account number. Please process this amendment and response as a conditional Request for Continued Examination (RCE). If necessary, please charge the RCE fee of \$395.00 to deposit account 04-0822.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.